

REMARKS

The present Amendment cancels claims 59-68 and 74-77 and leaves claims 69-73 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 69-73.

Amendments were made to the specification and Abstract to correct grammatical and editorial errors discovered upon review. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

The following is in response to the May 21, 2008 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse invention Group III, claims 69-73 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 69-73 is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 69-73 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 69-73 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other. The cancellation of claims 69-73 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants hereby reserve their right to pursue the subject matters of claims 59-68 and 74-77 in two divisional applications being filed on even date herewith.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (NIT-5504).

Respectfully submitted,

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